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Foreign Language
Training Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lieutenant Colonel Lyman B. Kirkpatrick

FROM:

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Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: AAU Contract to Investigate National Research
Resource Base in Foreign Language and Area Studies

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1. As agreed in our conversation with you last week, my colleagues in the Intelligence Community Staff's Planning and Policy Staff and I have reviewed the AAU contract and the proposals submitted for a sub-contract from both Stanford Research Institute (SRI) and the National Institute for Public Policy. We are agreed that an "Assessment of the National Research and Advanced Education Resource Base in Foreign Language and Area Studies" could be of considerable interest and value to the Intelligence Community as well as the Department of Defense. However we have serious reservations concerning any sub-contract "to undertake an independent assessment of the needs of the Department (of Defense) and other users of intelligence for area studies and foreign language expertise." A comprehensive Survey of Intelligence Consumers was conducted at the direction of the DCI in 1981-82 under the aegis of an Intelligence Community Working Group reporting to the Intelligence Producers Council. Copies of the final report of the Working Group, as well as the reports produced by the IC Staff and DIA for their own internal use, are being made available to you. We are convinced that neither the DCI nor senior officials of CIA, State, or other Intelligence Community elements would approve an additional survey such as that proposed by AAU or SRI and the National Institute at this time, nor would they approve a study by a non-intelligence entity at any time..

2. The IC Staff's Planning and Policy Staff is presently engaged in reviewing the present and future needs of the Intelligence Community for specialists in the fields of economics, science, technology, foreign areas, and languages. As part of that effort, the FLTC has levied a requirement on its members for data on their present resources of persons with foreign language and collateral skills and their future requirements for such personnel. The Department of Defense contribution to this study is being coordinated by [Redacted] It is already apparent that this is a most difficult task since the various programs involved (both in and outside the Defense Department) have data bases varying widely in composition and reliability. Any investigation into these matters now by an independent contractor would not only be redundant but would unnecessarily complicate an already difficult task.

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3. We are fully aware of your responsibility to carry out the mandate of the Congress placed on the Army in the Defense Authorization Act, 1983. We would propose that, given the time constraint under which you are working and the circumstances which I outlined in paragraph 2 above, you consider limiting your sub-contract effort to the needs of the Department of Defense for area studies and foreign language expertise. Should you feel required to comment on Community, as opposed to DoD needs, the IC Staff, with the approval of the DCI, would be willing to give you such assistance as it can, bearing in mind the complicated nature of this problem and the time constraints under which one would be working.

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